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SUBJECT: NORTH KOREAN APPLICATION FOR WORLD HEALTH
ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIP

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SUMMARY: ROK REPRESENTATIVES IN ISLAMABAD HAVE APPROACHED
GOP TO REQUEST SUPPORT IN POSTPONING CONSIDERATION
NORTH KOREAN MEMBERSHIP IN WHO. DOUBTING THAT THEY
COULD CONVINCE GOP ACTIVELY OPPOSE NORTH
KOREAN MEMBERSHIP, ROK REPS HAVE PRESSED FOR PAK ABSTENTION ON
ISSUE. GOP HAS REPLIED THAT NO DECISION YET TAKEN ON THIS
ISSUE. ROK REPS HAVE REQUESTED US APPROACH TO GOP.
ACTION REQUESTED: INSTRUCTIONS RE POSSIBLE US APPROACH
IN SUPPORT ROK DEMARCHE. END SUMMARY.

1. CONSUL MIN SOO PARK OF ROK CONGEN CALLED ON POL
COUNSELOR APRIL 17 TO DESCRIBE ROK APPROACHES TO GOP
ON QUESTION NORTH KOREAN APPLICATION FOR WHO MEMBERSHIP.

2. ACCORDING TO PARK, HE CALLED ON FOREIGN MINISTRY
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DIRECTOR FOR UN AFFAIRS QADRUDDIN IN LATE MARCH TO REQUEST GOP SUPPORT IN OBTAINING POSTPONEMENT NORTH KOREAN APPLICATION. ROK CONGEN, AMBASSADOR KYONG DO YOON, FOLLOWED UP WITH CALL ON DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR UN AND ECON COORDINATION M. A. BHATTY ON APRIL 1. IN BOTH APPROACHES, ROK REPS MADE PRESENTATION VIRTUALLY IDENTICAL TO PARAS 3 A THROACTION REPORTED.

B. MR II: NO GROUND OR AIR ACTIVITY REPORTED. UPDATED CASUALTIES FROM LOSS OF THREE OUTPOSTS NORTHWEST OF THA VIANG, EAST OF PA DON (SITE 5), ON 15 APRIL (REFTEL): ADD 7 FRIENDS WIA. FRIENDS CONTINUED REGROUPING WITHOUT INCIDENT SOUTHWEST OF THA VIANG; CASUALTIES AND EQUIPMENT LOSS STATISTICS STILL INCOMPLETE.

C. MR III: NO GROUND OR AIR ACTION REPORTED.

D. MR IV: ONE MAJOR INCIDENT OCCURRED EVENING 16 APRIL (1205 Z), WHEN ENEMY COMPANY, SUPPORTED BY 69 ROUNDS MORTAR FIRE, ATTACKED FRIENDLY PLATOON APPROX 29 KM NORTH-EAST OF KHONG SEDONE, VICINITY XC 110356 (ESTIMATED 3 ENEMY KIA AND 5 WIA). JUST OFF WEST EDGE OF BOLOVENS PLATEAU, FRIENDLY TEAM ATTEMPTED TO REMOVE PL FLAG FROM VILLAGE APPROX 26 KM NORTHEAST OF PAKSE, BUT WAS REPULSED BY MINOR ATTACK BY FIRE ON 17 APRIL (NO CASUALTIES). RLAF CONFIDENTIAL

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FLEW 3 AC-47 GUNSHIP SORTIES DURING NIGHT 16-17 APRIL, ALL IN SUPPORT OF TROOPS IN CONTACT NORTHEAST OF KHONG SEDONE, AS WELL AS TWO T-28 SORTIES ON 17 APRIL, BOTH TO HIT OFFENDING MORTAR POSITION NORTHEAST OF PAKSE (ONE SECONDARY FIRE).

E. MR V: NO GROUND ACTION REPORTED. CORRECTION: RLAF FLEW 15 VICE 20 T-28 SORTIES IN SALA PHOU KHOUN AREA ON 16 APRIL, AS WELL AS ONE AC-47 GUNSHIP SORTIE THAT NIGHT IN SAME AREA. IN SUPPORT OF SALA PHOUN KHOUN AREA ACTION REPORTED REFTEL, FRIENDS FIRED AS YET UNKNOWN NUMBER OF 155 MM HOWITZER ROUNDS ON 16 APRIL.

F. COUNT OF CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS: RLG DEFMIN ANNOUNCED FOUR- DAY INCREASE OF 20 ENEMY CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS, BRINGING TOTAL TO 403 AS OF MORNING 16 APRIL. (COMMENT: OUR COUNT OF GROUND CONTACTS INITIATED BY BOTH SIDES SHOWS 100 MAJOR AND 537 MINRO INCIDENTS THROUGH 15 APRIL. END COMMENT).

2. SECTION II- POLITICAL SITUATION

A. XAT LAO, APRIL 18, REPORTED PENTAGON' S 16 APRIL ANNOUNCEMENT OF USAF BOMBING IN LAOS AT REQUEST OF PRIME

MINISTER SOUVANNA PHOUMA. PAPER MADE POINT OF NOTING THAT PRIME MINISTER PREVIOUSLY HAD WARNED LPF REP THAT HE MIGHT REQUEST U. S. AIR SUPPORT IF LPF AND NVA ATTACKED THA VIANG AND SALA PHOU KHOUN. (COMMENT: AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, ENEMY ATTACKED UNITS IN THA VIANG AREA 12-13 APRIL AND IN VICINITY SALA PHOU KHOUN 16 APRIL. END COMMENT) RADIO HANOI, 17 APRIL, ACCLED BOMBING A " NEW MILITARY ESCALATION OF AN EXTREMELY SERIOUS CHARACTER;" BROADCAST ALLEGED U. S. HAS BEEN PRESSURING RLG FORCES TO " NIBBLE" AT LPF- CONTROLLED AREAS, AND ACCUSED RLG OF PROCRASTINATING AT INTERNAL TALKS.

B. XAT LAO REPORTED THAT LAO INTERNAL TALKS ARE BOGGED DOWN OVER LPF REQUEST FOR PRESIDENCY OF JOINT NATIONAL POLITICAL COUNCIL, DEPUTY PREMIERSHIP IN NEW GOVERNMENT, AND FOR POST OF INTERIOR MINISTER. XAT LAO EXPRESSES OPINION THAT, SINCE LPF IS TO RECEIVE FOREIGN AFFAIRS, INTERIOR SHOULD GO TO RLG, BUT THAT A COMPROMISE MIGHT BE POSSIBLE ON POLITICAL COUNCIL. RLG IS UNWILLING TO COMPROMISE ON DEPTY PREMIERSHIP, HOWEVER. GODLEY

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